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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

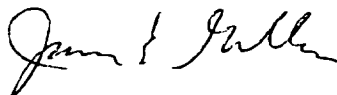
I appreciate the Justice Department finally coming to terms on the Microsoft antitrust case. I feel that the settlement, which has taken at least three years to hash out, should pretty much be acceptable to everyone. So hopefully, both Microsoft and the government can move on to more important matters.

Considering that now Microsoft can't retaliate against the companies that don't make Windows software or work on other operating systems, and that they are required to be reviewed by a federal panel to make sure they are complying with the settlement, I feel that along with the other terms of the settlement, most people should be happy with it.

I think that this whole matter should be put behind us and that we should move on. I appreciate you considering my thoughts on this matter and I hope that you take it into account.

I have also communicated my opinions to Attorney General of Connecticut, Richard Blumenthal, as I did several years ago when the original anti-trust action began.

Sincerely,



James Gillespie